

portion of men, at which time we had only inlisted thirty one. From July 28 the shortness of the time allowed the People to procure their proportion of men and knowing that hardly any money would induce the number the County was to have supplied to Inlist during the war, and having just received a Letter from F. Stone informing me that the Field Officers of Charles County, had agreed to inlist their men for three years, which as they could not be got for the war he advised should be done. This added to the certainty that it would not be in the power of the People to procure the money in time to raise the men, and knowing that it would distress many to be obliged to sell their effects to raise the money, Induced me together with the unanimous advice of the Field Officers and Commissioners of the Tax for the Co<sup>ty</sup>, to give a further time till Tuesday next, for the Classes to find their men, and at the same time to take them for three years. Which proceeding I trust will meet with the approbation of my Country, as it was done for the best. If men can be raised by bounty money will be wanted, you will therefore consider the propriety of supplying me with some for that purpose I do very sincerely wish that I was clear of this purplexed disagreeable business, which has been rendered exceedingly troublesome and has been attended with considerable disadvantage to our raising the men, by that absurd scheme of making two Classes of property, which in my opinion did, as it now doth surpass all the schemes for absurdity that I ever met with

[Benjn Mackall 4<sup>th</sup>, Cal't. County, to Col. Forrest]

July 28

Sir I am sorry to inform you that there hasn't been a man enlisted in this County for the Regiment extraordinary to be raised in this month; and only One Recruit for the old Regiments. I committed two Deserters last week, who were enlisted during the war, but they have since made their Escape by breaking through the Prison wall.

The Class's have not been so industrious in procuring Recruits as they ought, or I am satisfied they might have enlisted several in this County. I have empowered them to get Recruits for the Classes, and shall proceed immediately to recover the money. The Militia have Orders to march next week. You will be kind enough to mention this to the Governor and Council. I should have wrote to them, but have no more Paper. I shall be glad to know where this Recruit must be sent.

[James Hindman, Talbot County to Gov Lee]

July 28

Sir Upon my Return from Annapolis, I presented your order on the Collector of the Tax for this County from whom I have received £3934..17.6 it being the whole Amount of the money as yet collected by him, the other order on the Treasurer of the Eastern